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1. Between 12 and 14 March 1951, the Plak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau (N 52/W 31) quartered 2,500 to 2,800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them did not have branch-of-service insignia but some had artillery insignia.

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2. The Plak Kaserne, Leipzig-Heiterblick, was occupied by 2,000 to 2,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and some with artillery insignia. [redacted] from the great number of recruits observed in the billeting area that new recruits had arrived from the U.S.S.R. Soldiers were instructed in the driving of motorcycles and armored vehicles, including one T-34 tank and one SP gun. No troops were observed loading at the railroad station of Taucha (N 52/W 31).

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3. The Train Kaserne on Olbrichtstrasse quartered a minimum of 500 and a maximum of 1,000 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. One officer and several [redacted] at the guardhouse wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. The Hindenburg Kaserne on Danzigerstrasse quartered from 300 to 500 troops. Several soldiers seen in the billeting area and the gate guards wore black-bordered red epaulets. No details on the type of units in the installation could be obtained. (4)

[redacted] Comments.

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- (1) The estimate of the number of troops in the Flak Kaserne, Leipzig-Schoenau, corresponds to that made [redacted] at the beginning of January and in February 1951. The obser-

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- [redacted]
- (2) The information again confirms the impression that the 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div is quartered in the Flak Kaserne, Heiterblick. The observation of an SP gun is again indicative of the 1st Gds Tank Regt. [redacted] The last shipments of recruits arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany in mid-February 1951. [redacted] observed recruits in the Flak Kaserne as early as late December 1950.

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- (3) The information indicates no changes in the occupation of the Train Kaserne on Olbrichstrasse. Among others, a signal unit of the GOFG is believed to be stationed there. Previous strength estimates [redacted] fluctuated between 300 and 800 troops. [redacted]

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- (4) The Hindenburg Kaserne is believed to house a kommandatura of the SCC. [redacted]

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